



**AGENDA**  
**Central Sierra Regional Forum**  
**California Regional Economies Project**

**February 11, 2004**  
**Best Western Sonora Oaks Conference Center**  
**19551 Hess Avenue, Sonora**

- 10:00      Welcome, Introductions, and Purpose of Forum
- Candace Katosic, Director, Mother Lode Workforce Investment Board*
- Verna Lewis, Director, Kern/Inyo/Mono Workforce Investment Board*
- Ed Kawahara, Principal Consultant, California Economic Strategy Panel*
- 10:15      Regional Economy Report: Presentation and Discussion
- Jim King, JK, Inc.*
- 11:30      Regional Clusters of Opportunity: Presentation, Methodology, Employer Panel Discussion
- John Melville, Collaborative Economics, Inc.*
- Employer Panel on Workforce Issues
- Moderator: Jim King*
- Panelists:*
- Danny Heuton, Alpine Mortgage
- Brian Miner, Low Tech Automation/Pneucon
- Phil Nichols, Avalon Care Center – Sonora
- Rena Sullivan, Kirkwood Mountain Resort
- 1:00      Regional Priorities
- Participants write down reasons for choosing particular cluster(s) for further profiling, ideas are posted and summarized, with group discussion of results*
- 1:55      Wrap Up and Next Steps
- Ed Kawahara*
- 2:00      Adjourn